

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 1412 - HB 1082**

February 21, 2001

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Requires criminal background checks for new employees of any residential facility licensed by the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities which houses persons with developmental disabilities.
- Disqualifies persons with certain criminal convictions from employment.
- Requires residential facilities that house persons with developmental disabilities to have at least three employees on premises at all times.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$20,000,000**

**Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures - Exceeds \$30,000,000**

According to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, current staff in these institutions are already required to undergo background checks. The department indicates that the bill's requirement for minimum staffing would create significant increased costs for the department by requiring additional staff in facilities that contract with the department on a reimbursement basis.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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